

*Patuxent Research Refuge*  
*National Wildlife Visitor Center*

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**Maryland Honey Harvest Festival**  
**Saturday, September 18**

Join the Maryland State Beekeepers Association as they celebrate the Annual Maryland Honey Harvest Festival, Saturday, September 18, 2010, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center.

Discover the busy world of bees and other pollinators while enjoying arts and crafts, honey tastings, candle making demonstrations, Refuge habitat tram tours and much more!

Learn about honeybees' importance in optimizing food stock and livestock and about the many uses for honey, including its use as a home remedy. According to the American Beekeeping Federation, "The beekeeping industry touches the lives of every individual in our country. In fact, honeybees are responsible for nearly one-third of our entire diet, due to the pollination services that they provide for a large majority of fruits, vegetables, nuts and legumes. This amounts to nearly \$15 billion per year of direct value from honeybee pollination to United States agriculture."

*The Maryland State Beekeepers Association is partnering with the Patuxent Research Refuge and the Friends of Patuxent to sponsor this FREE event.*

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off of Powder Mill Road between  
the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and MD Rt. 197.

Visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> or call 301-497-5763 for more information about the Patuxent Research Refuge.  
Accommodations for individuals with special needs are available with a two week advance notice.